CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

5 1. A device comprising:

a network interface for coupling to a network; and

a processor coupled with the network interface, in which the processor is adapted to

receive and analyze a SIP invite message;

generate a H.323 request message responsive to the analyzed SIP invite message; and

transmit the generated request message to a H.323 gatekeeper.

- The device of claim 1, in which
- 15 the request message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LRQ message.
 - The device of claim 1, in which the gatekeeper is preconfigured, and the request message is transmitted over a UDP socket.

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- 4. The device of claim 1, in which the processor is further adapted to:
 - receive a H.323 response message responsive to the transmitted request message;
 - decode from the response message a primary network address corresponding to a primary network device associated with the gatekeeper, and

send a reply to the SIP invite message that contains the primary network address.

30 5. The device of claim 4, in which

the SIP invite message is received from a first device, and

the reply to the SIP invite message is sent to a second device different from the first device.

- The device of claim 4, in which the response message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LCF message.
- The device of claim 4, in which
- 5 the response message is a ASN.1 encoded LRJ message.
 - The device of claim 4, in which the response message is a ASN.1 encoded RIP message.
- 10 9. The device of claim 4, in which the processor is further adapted to:

decode from the response message also an alternate network address corresponding to an alternate network device associated with the gatekeeper, and

in which the reply to the SIP invite message further contains the alternate

15 network address.

- 10. A device comprising:
 - a network interface for coupling to a network; and
- a processor coupled with the network interface, in which the processor is
- 20 adapted to

receive and analyze a H.323 request message;

generate a SIP location request message responsive to the analyzed

H.323 request message; and

transmit the generated SIP location request message to a SIP

- 25 gatekeeper.
 - The device of claim 10, in which the request message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LRQ message.
- 30 12. The device of claim 10, in which the gatekeeper is preconfigured, and the SIP location request message is transmitted over a UDP socket.
 - 13. The device of claim 10, in which the processor is further adapted to:

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receive a SIP response message responsive to the transmitted SIP location request message;

decode from the response message a primary network address corresponding to a primary network device associated with the gatekeeper; and

send a reply to the H.323 request message that contains the primary network address.

14. The device of claim 13, in which the processor is further adapted to:

decode from the response message also an alternate network address corresponding to an alternate network device associated with the gatekeeper, and

in which the reply to the H.323 request message further contains the alternate network address.

15. A device comprising:

means for receiving and analyzing a SIP invite message;

means for generating a H.323 request message responsive to the analyzed SIP invite message; and

means for transmitting the generated request message to a H.323 gatekeeper.

- The device of claim 15, in which the request message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LRQ message.
- 25 17. The device of claim 15, in which the gatekeeper is preconfigured, and the request message is transmitted over a UDP socket.
 - 18. The device of claim 15, further comprising:
- 30 means for receiving a H.323 response message responsive to the transmitted request message;

means for decoding from the response message a primary network address corresponding to a primary network device associated with the gatekeeper; and

means for sending a reply to the SIP invite message that contains the primary network address.

- 19 The device of claim 18, in which
- 5 the SIP invite message is received from a first device, and the reply to the SIP invite message is sent to a second device different from the first device.
- 20. The device of claim 18, in which 10 the response message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LCF message.
 - 21. The device of claim 18, in which the response message is a ASN.1 encoded LRJ message.
- 15 22 The device of claim 18, in which the response message is a ASN.1 encoded RIP message.
 - 23. The device of claim 18, further comprising:

means for decoding from the response message also an alternate network 20 address corresponding to an alternate network device associated with the gatekeeper, and

in which the reply to the SIP invite message further contains the alternate network address.

- 25 24. A device comprising:
 - means for receiving and analyzing a H.323 request message;

means for generating a SIP location request message responsive to the analyzed H.323 request message; and

means for transmitting the generated SIP location request message to a SIP

- 30 gatekeeper.
 - 25. The device of claim 24, in which the request message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LRQ message.

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26. The device of claim 24, in which the gatekeeper is preconfigured, and the SIP location request message is transmitted over a UDP socket.

5 27. The device of claim 24, further comprising:

means for receiving a SIP response message responsive to the transmitted SIP location request message;

means for decoding from the response message a primary network address corresponding to a primary network device associated with the gatekeeper; and

means for sending a reply to the H.323 request message that contains the primary network address.

28. The device of claim 27, further comprising:

means for decoding from the response message also an alternate network

15 address corresponding to an alternate network device associated with the gatekeeper,
and

in which the reply to the H.323 request message further contains the alternate network address.

29. An article comprising: a storage medium, the storage medium having instructions stored thereon, in which when the instructions are executed by at least one device, they result in:

receiving and analyzing a SIP invite message;

 $\label{eq:generating a H.323 request message responsive to the analyzed SIP invite}$ $\label{eq:generating a H.323 request message responsive to the analyzed SIP invite}$ $\label{eq:generating a H.323 request message responsive to the analyzed SIP invite}$

transmitting the generated request message to a H.323 gatekeeper.

 The article of claim 29, in which the request message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LRQ message.

31. The article of claim 29, in which the gatekeeper is preconfigured, and the request message is transmitted over a UDP socket.

 The article of claim 29, in which the instructions further result in: receiving a H.323 response message responsive to the transmitted request message;

decoding from the response message a primary network address corresponding to a primary network device associated with the gatekeeper; and sending a reply to the SIP invite message that contains the primary network address.

- 33. The article of claim 32, in which
- 10 the SIP invite message is received from a first device, and the reply to the SIP invite message is sent to a second device different from the first device.
 - The article of claim 32, in which the response message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LCF message.
 - The article of claim 32, in which the response message is a ASN.1 encoded LRJ message.
- 20 36. The article of claim 32, in which the response message is a ASN.1 encoded RIP message.
- 37. The article of claim 32, in which the instructions further result in:
 decoding from the response message also an alternate network address
 25 corresponding to an alternate network device associated with the gatekeeper, and
 in which the reply to the SIP invite message further contains the alternate
 network address
- 38. An article comprising: a storage medium, the storage medium having 30 instructions stored thereon, in which when the instructions are executed by at least one device, they result in:

receiving and analyzing a H.323 request message;

generating a SIP location request message responsive to the analyzed H.323 request message; and

transmitting the generated SIP location request message to a SIP gatekeeper.

 The article of claim 38, in which the request message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LRQ message.

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40. The article of claim 38, in which

the gatekeeper is preconfigured, and

the SIP location request message is transmitted over a UDP socket.

10 41. The article of claim 38, in which the instructions further result in: receiving a SIP response message responsive to the transmitted SIP location

request message;

decoding from the response message a primary network address corresponding to a primary network device associated with the gatekeeper; and

- 15 sending a reply to the H.323 request message that contains the primary network address.
 - 42. The article of claim 41, in which the instructions further result in: decoding from the response message also an alternate network address corresponding to an alternate network device associated with the gatekeeper, and in which the reply to the H.323 request message further contains the alternate network address.
 - 43. A method comprising:
- 25 receiving and analyzing a SIP invite message;

generating a $\rm H.323$ request message responsive to the analyzed SIP invite message; and

transmitting the generated request message to a H.323 gatekeeper.

- 30 44. The method of claim 43, in which the request message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LRO message.
 - The method of claim 43, in which the gatekeeper is preconfigured, and

the request message is transmitted over a UDP socket.

The method of claim 43, further comprising:
 receiving a H.323 response message responsive to the transmitted request

5 message:

decoding from the response message a primary network address corresponding to a primary network device associated with the gatekeeper; and

sending a reply to the SIP invite message that contains the primary network address.

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47. The method of claim 46, in which

the SIP invite message is received from a first device, and the reply to the SIP invite message is sent to a second device different from the first device.

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- 48. The method of claim 46, in which
 - the response message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LCF message.
- The method of claim 46, in which
- 20 the response message is a ASN.1 encoded LRJ message.
 - 50. The method of claim 46, in which

the response message is a ASN.1 encoded RIP message.

25 51. The method of claim 46, further comprising:

decoding from the response message also an alternate network address corresponding to an alternate network device associated with the gatekeeper, and in which the reply to the SIP invite message further contains the alternate network address.

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- 52. A method comprising:
 - receiving and analyzing a H.323 request message;

generating a SIP location request message responsive to the analyzed H.323 request message; and

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transmitting the generated SIP location request message to a SIP gatekeeper.

 The method of claim 52, in which the request message is a ASN.1 encoded RAS LRQ message.

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- 54. The method of claim 52, in which the gatekeeper is preconfigured, and the SIP location request message is transmitted over a UDP socket.
- 10 55. The method of claim 52, further comprising:

receiving a SIP response message responsive to the transmitted SIP location request message;

decoding from the response message a primary network address corresponding to a primary network device associated with the gatekeeper; and

sending a reply to the H.323 request message that contains the primary network address.

- 56. The method of claim 55, further comprising:
- decoding from the response message also an alternate network address corresponding to an alternate network device associated with the gatekeeper, and

in which the reply to the $\rm H.323$ request message further contains the alternate network address.